

**CLAIM SET AS AMENDED**

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Brushing~~ A brushing device for brushing livestock, ~~having comprising:~~

an oblong brush that can be set in motion by a driving means, and ~~having~~  
a carrying means for carrying the brush, the carrying means including: comprising  
at least one flexible element, ~~characterized in that~~  
whereby in the absence of a force acting externally upon it, the brush (2) ~~has a~~  
substantially vertical orientation for brushing sides of an animal, and ~~in that~~  
wherein the at least one flexible element (10a, 10b) of the carrying means, through a  
force acting externally ~~upon it thereupon~~, permits a ~~swivelling~~ swiveling of the brush to a  
substantially horizontal orientation of said brush for reaching higher-up surfaces of the  
animal.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Brushing~~ The brushing device according to claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one flexible element (10a, 10b) is oblong.

3. (Currently amended) ~~Brushing~~ The brushing device according to claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one flexible element (10a, 10b) is substantially  
tubular.

4. (Currently amended) ~~Brushing~~-The brushing device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one flexible element (~~10a, 10b~~) is a leaf spring or coil spring.

5. (Currently amended) ~~Brushing~~-The brushing device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the driving means (~~6~~) is rigidly connected to the brush (~~2~~).

6. (Currently amended) ~~Brushing~~-The brushing device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the driving means (~~6~~) is connected to the brush (~~2~~) by way of a flexible connection (~~18~~).

7. (Currently amended) ~~Brushing~~-The brushing device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the driving means (~~6~~) is designed for rotating the brush (~~2~~) about its longitudinal axis.

8. (Currently amended) ~~Brushing~~-The brushing device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the driving means (~~6~~) is designed for moving the brush (~~2~~) substantially in a plane parallel to the longitudinal axis of the brush (~~2~~).

9. (Currently amended) ~~Brushing~~ The brushing device according to claim 1, ~~characterized by a further comprising drip-feeding means (14, 10b)~~ for drip-feeding a treatment agent from a place situated above the brush ~~(2)~~ onto the brush ~~(2)~~.

10. (New) The brushing device according to claim 1, wherein said flexible element comprises one or more universal couplings.